

## COUNTRY DATA: Argentina : Information from the CIA World Factbook

### INTRODUCTION

In 1816, the United Provinces of the Rio Plata declared their independence from Spain. After Bolivia, Paraguay, and Uruguay went their separate ways, the area that remained became Argentina. The country's population and culture were heavily shaped by immigrants from throughout Europe, but most particularly Italy and Spain, which provided the largest percentage of newcomers from 1860 to 1930. Up until about the mid-20th century, much of Argentina's history was dominated by periods of internal political conflict between Federalists and Unitarians and between civilian and military factions. After World War II, an era of Peronist populism and direct and indirect military interference in subsequent governments was followed by a military junta that took power in 1976. Democracy returned in 1983 after a failed bid to seize the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands by force, and has persisted despite numerous challenges, the most formidable of which was a severe economic crisis in 2001-02 that led to violent public protests and the successive resignations of several presidents.

### GEOGRAPHY

<b>Location</b>	Southern South America, bordering the South Atlantic Ocean, between Chile and Uruguay
<b>Area</b>	total: 2,780,400 sq km country comparison to the world: <u>8</u> land: 2,736,690 sq km water: 43,710 sq km
<b>Climate</b>	<u>Current Weather</u> mostly temperate; arid in southeast; subantarctic in southwest
<b>Natural Resources</b>	fertile plains of the pampas, lead, zinc, tin, copper, iron ore, manganese, petroleum, uranium
<b>Total Renewable Water Resources</b>	814 cu km (2000)
<b>Freshwater Withdrawal</b>	total: 29.19 cu km/yr (17%/9%/74%) per capita: 753 cu m/yr (2000)
<b>Natural Hazards</b>	San Miguel de Tucuman and Mendoza areas in the Andes subject to earthquakes; pamperos are violent windstorms that can strike the pampas and northeast; heavy flooding in some areas volcanism: Argentina experiences volcanic activity in the Andes Mountains along the Chilean border; Copahue (elev. 2,997 m, 9,833 ft) last erupted in 2000; other historically active

	volcanoes include Llullaillaco, Maipo, Planchon-Peteroa, San Jose, Tromen, Tupungatito, and Viedma
<b>Environmental Issues</b>	environmental problems (urban and rural) typical of an industrializing economy such as deforestation, soil degradation, desertification, air pollution, and water pollution <i>note:</i> Argentina is a world leader in setting voluntary greenhouse gas targets
<b>PEOPLE</b>	
<b>Population</b>	41,343,201 (July 2010 est.)  country comparison to the world: <a href="#">32</a>
<b>Ethnic Groups</b>	white (mostly Spanish and Italian) 97%, mestizo (mixed white and Amerindian ancestry), Amerindian, or other non-white groups 3%
<b>Religions</b>	nominally Roman Catholic 92% (less than 20% practicing), Protestant 2%, Jewish 2%, other 4%
<b>Languages</b>	Spanish (official), Italian, English, German, French
<b>Literacy Rate</b>	definition: age 15 and over can read and write total population: 97.2% male: 97.2% female: 97.2% (2001 census)
<b>Major Infectious Diseases</b>	degree of risk: intermediate food or waterborne diseases: bacterial diarrhea, hepatitis A water contact disease: leptospirosis (2009)
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>	
<b>Type</b>	republic
<b>Independence</b>	9 July 1816 (from Spain)
<b>Constitution</b>	1 May 1853; amended many times starting in 1860
<b>Legal System</b>	mixture of US and West European legal systems; has not accepted compulsory ICJ jurisdiction
<b>ECONOMY</b>	
<b>Agricultural Products</b>	sunflower seeds, lemons, soybeans, grapes, corn, tobacco, peanuts, tea, wheat; livestock
<b>Industries</b>	food processing, motor vehicles, consumer durables, textiles, chemicals and petrochemicals, printing, metallurgy, steel

<b>Import commodities</b>	machinery, motor vehicles, petroleum and natural gas, organic chemicals, plastics
<b>Import Partners</b>	Brazil 31.12%, US 13.69%, China 10.26%, Germany 4.69% (2009)
<b>Export Commodities</b>	soybeans and derivatives, petroleum and gas, vehicles, corn, wheat
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<b>Per Capita GDP</b>	<p>\$14,700 (2010 est.)</p> <p>country comparison to the world: <u>76</u></p> <p>\$13,700 (2009 est.)</p> <p>\$14,100 (2008 est.)</p> <p><i>note:</i> data are in 2010 US dollars</p>
<b>Population below poverty line</b>	30% (January-June 2010)

\*CITATIONS: All information included above is extracted from the CIA World Factbook except where noted.

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**General**

Life Expectancy at Birth (in years)	75.7 years
Average number of years in School (in years)	9.3 years
Gross National Income Per Capita (In US Dollars)	\$14,603

**Gender Inequality**

Female Seats in Parliament (%)	39.8%
Population with at least a Secondary Education Female (% Of 25 and older)	57.0%
Population with at least a Secondary Education Male (% Of 25 and older)	54.9%
Labor Force Participation Female (%)	57.0%
Labor Force Participation Male (%)	81.6%
Births Attended by Skilled Health Professionals (%)	99%

**Poverty**

Population surviving on \$1.25 per day (%)	3.4%
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**Empowerment**

Number of Journalists Imprisoned	0
Corruption Victims (% of people who face a bribe situation in the last year)	8%
Political Engagement (% percent of people who voiced opinion to public officials)	11%

<b>Sustainability</b>	
Fossil Fuels as Primary Energy Source (%)	90%
Renewable Resources as Primary Energy Source (%)	7%
Population without Access to Water (%)	3%
Population Without Access to Sanitation Services (%)	10%
Population affected by natural disasters (% between 2000-2009)	0.01%
<b>Human Security</b>	
Number of Refugees leaving this country	1,000
Number of Internally Displaced People in This Country	--
Prevalence of Undernourishment (%)	<5%
<b>Demographics</b>	
Urban Residents (% of total Population)	92.4%
<b>Health</b>	
HIV Prevalence in Female Youth (% ages 15-24)	0.3%
HIV Prevalence in Male Youth (% ages 15-24)	0.6%
HIV Prevalence in Adults (% ages 15-49)	0.5%
<b>Other</b>	
Official Development Assistance Per Capita (in US dollars)	\$3.30
Population without Electricity (%)	0.0%

